Expert report on Baglihar

2342. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the neutral expert, Prof. Raymond Lafitte appointed to give opinion on Baghlihar has submitted his report;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's request to stop work on the project by India has been rejected;

(c) what are the real technical problems that are the bone of contention between India and Pakistan on Baglihar; and

(d) the details of provisions that Pakistan claim are, being violated by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Pakistan's request to India in this regard has been rejected.

(c) Pakistan has basically objected to the extent of Pondage of water by India and the levels of the mechanisms for release of water viz. the gates and the intakes. Pakistan is of the view that the Pondage should be lesser and the gates & intakes should be located at higher levels than those provided in Indian design. India is however of the view that Pondage consistent with the permitted variations in the releases of water as stipulated in the Treaty and the levels of the gates and intakes consistent with national and international practices at the highest levels consistent with techno-economics as stipulated in the Treaty, have been provided.

(d) Criteria (a), (c), (e) and (f) under Paragraph 8 of Annexure D to the Indus Water Treaty 1960, claimed by Pakistan to have been violated by India are as follows:

Criterion (a). The works themselves shall not be capable of raising artificially the water level in the Operating Pool above the Full Pondage Level specified in the design.

Criterion (c) The maximum Pondage in the Operating Pool shall not exceed twice the Pondage required for Firm Power.

Criterion (e) If the conditions at the site of a Plant make a gated spillway necessary, the bottom level of the gates in normal closed position shall be located at the highest level consistent with sound and economical design and satisfactory construction and operation of the works.

Criterion (f) The intakes for the turbines shall be located at the highest level consistent with satisfactory and economical construction and operation of the Plant as a Run-of-River Plant and with customary and accepted practice of design for the designated range of the Plant's operation.

Use of flood water for drinking or irrigation purpose

†2343. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States face either flood or flood like situation every year while several other States face drought or dearth of water;

(b) if so, whether Government would make a policy to meet the shortage of water in drought hit States by bringing water from the States facing flood like situation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering seriously to make proper use of the flood water for drinking or irrigation purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Water Policy, 2002 emphasizes the need to transfer water from surplus areas to deficit ones. It states "water should be made available to water-short areas by transfer from other areas

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